

News Release

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“Endangered Planet | PEACE Hourglass ”

LAGUNA BEACH, CA — Endangered Planet Gallery invites you to join a very special Winter Solstice event on December 22, 2006: a global quest for peace. At that time, Endangered Planet Gallery will launch its **PEACE Hourglass**, an on-line visual sculpture in the shape of an hourglass. It continuously streams the word “**PEACE**” in over three hundred languages in more than three hundred horizontal rows. From top to bottom, the three hundred rows are in alphabetical order, each row highlighting a single, different language. The rows are dynamic and move at their own pace in both directions. In time, the Hourglass will align all the languages of the Earth to state “**PEACE**” in one voice. The hourglass can be viewed on-line at www.PEACE.EndangeredPlanet.net

Along with the Hourglass, the Gallery will display the most interesting works of its first year’s artists. Many of the pieces shown share the Gallery’s commitment to PEACE: MOMEN’s “Safe Landing”, local Laguna Beach artist, Terrell’s “Be Peace”, June Phelps’ “Freedom Wall” and Chris Gutzeit’s “Peace.” Additional work by each artist is also on exhibit.

The one-hour event will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Endangered Planet Gallery. December 22, the Winter Solstice, is the shortest, darkest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, the day the sun is farthest South, the first day of winter. The event will introduce the **PEACE Hourglass**, both the permanent display at the Gallery and its on-line counterpart. A limited edition print of the **PEACE Hourglass** will also be available. In addition to the formal introduction of the Hourglass, the event will celebrate the beginning of longer, sunnier days and start a global, on-line movement to connect the people of the world in all their various languages. Earth Day founder and Endangered Planet friend, John McConnell, will call the gallery from his home in Colorado to help dedicate the Hourglass and introduce his own Minute of Peace.

The **PEACE Hourglass** on-line sculpture was created and produced by Charles Michael Murray, founder of Endangered Planet Gallery.

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Caption:

Photo#1

Peace - | ©Chris Gutzeit | “Infinite View” mixed media sculpture

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Photo#2

Shalom aly-hem - “May Peace be with you” | ©Charles Michael Murray



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